

A regular meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:03 P.M. in the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Also present: Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq., Business Administrator, Kathryn Monzo, Assistant Business Administrator, Kathryn Monzo, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on January 4, 2016 to the following:

- a) The Home News & Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Township Clerk’s office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk’s office on January 4, 2016.

Ms. Russo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Proclamation: “India Independence Day”:

Councilwoman Narra presented a proclamation members of the NBT India Day Committee. August 15th is recognized as India Independence Day celebrating India’s independence from British rule. The Indian independence struggle involved a wide spectrum of Indian political organizations, philosophies and rebellions between 1857 and India emerged as a unified nation state on August 15, 1947. The Mayor and Council declared August 15th, 2016 as India Independence Day and call this observance to the attention of the residents of North Brunswick. Members of the India Day Committee stated that this is a cultural show and it shows the work done behind the scenes by the high school students. It is a great event for anyone and the committee would like other ethnic groups to participate.

“Scholar / Athlete / Artist”-“Keira Welsh” and Melanie Fosko”:

Council President Corbin presented a proclamation to Keira Welsh. She is a Freshman at the N.B.T.H.S., is on the Honor Roll and takes Honors English and Honor Biology. Keira is a member of the N.B.T.H.S. Choir, N.B.T.H.S. Varsity Swim Team and plays attack on Varsity Lacrosse. Councilman Andrews presented a proclamation to Melanie Fosko , a Senior at the N.B.T.H.S. and is on the Honor Roll. She was awarded the Guidance Award which is presented to the student with outstanding achievement in multiple subjects for the 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 school years. Melanie earned Student of the Month for multiple years and has a G.P.A. of 4.1874. She will be the President for the 2016-2017 school year for the N.B.T.H.S. National Honor Society and is an active member of the Student Government Executive Board.

Break for Proclamation Recipients: 7:17 pm
Resume: 7:27 pm

Mayor Womack asked council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Corbin to approve items “6a – 6r” on the agenda, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Consent Agenda:

- a. Authorizing the reinstatement of installment payments for property owners within Belcourt at Hidden Lake for Water Service Project _____206-8.16
- b. Authorizing the cancellation of balances and credits _____207-8.16
- c. Authorizing the redemption of a Township lien – Block 136, Lot 6 _____208-8.16
- d. Authorizing the redemption of a Township lien – Block 160, Lot 6 _____209-8.16
- e. Approving and providing notice on the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget _____210-8.16
- f. Approving the Fiscal Year 2017 Temporary Capital Budget _____211-8.16
- g. Authorizing an accelerated tax sale _____212-8.16
- h. Approving transfers between Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation reserves _____213-8.16
- i. Authorizing the application of State Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety – “HTS State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Fund 2017” _____214-8.16
- j. Authorizing the application of State Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Labor Day Crackdown” _____215-8.16
- k. Authorizing the sale of abandoned vehicles _____216-8.16
- l. Authorizing an adjustment to a Township resident for their Water-Sewer Utility account _____217-8.16

“Consent Agenda” con’t.....

- m. Authorizing the advertisement for Receipt of Bids under the Department of Public Works
for (up to 3,000) 95 Gallon Roll Out Containers_____218-8.16
- n. Amending Contract BID15002 with KMETZ Inc. for the Route 130 Water Main
Replacement Project_____219-8.16
- o. Authorizing a Change In Scope to the PSA with T&M Associates appointed as the 2016 Township
Environmental Engineers to include: Wetlands delineation, Soil and Groundwater
Investigation and LSRP Services for the Undeveloped Wooded Land South of
Roosevelt Avenue and Raider Road_____220-8.16
- p. Confirming an agreement with VFIS to provide Insurance Coverage for the North Brunswick
First Aid and Rescue Squad_____221-8.16
- q. Confirming an agreement with VFIS to provide Insurance Coverage for the Fire Department____222-8.16
- r. Payment of Bills_____223-8.16

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item #7 on the Agenda. Approval of minutes: Regular Council Meeting / June 27, 2016. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Narra.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Public Hearing: Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for
DeStefano Contracting

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for
DeStefano Contracting_____224-8.16

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution #224-8.16 - “Authorizing the Public and Private Improvements Performance Bond Releases for DeStefano Contracting”, so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Public Hearing: Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for
DCH Investments, Inc.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No comments from the public. Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the public hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews second by Mr. Socio.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for DCH Investments, Inc._____225-8.16

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution #225-8.16 - “Authorizing the Private Improvements Performance Bond Release for DCH Investments, Inc.”, so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#16-15 – Bond Ordinance providing for Capital Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$6,350,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$6,032,500 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance part of the cost thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance No. 16-15*. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the August 4, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Ordinance / First Reading / Introduction:

#16-16 – State Fiscal Year 2017 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance No. 16-16*. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the August 4, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

#16-17 – An Ordinance of the Township Council of North Brunswick amending and fixing the salary and wages for various officials and employees of the Township of North Brunswick providing for the manner of payment thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce *Ordinance No. 16-17*. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews, second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey following legal publication in the August 4, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune as according to law. This Ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex and copies are available upon request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Ordinance / Second Reading / Public Hearing: (cont.)

#16-14 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 16-04 authorizing the acquisition of an additional of an additional Sanitary Sewer Easement, by the Township of North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, to include such lands known as Block 242, Lot 9 on the Official Tax Map of the City of New Brunswick for the Mile Run Interceptor Project

Mayor Womack opened the public hearing on Ordinance #16-14. No comments from the public. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be closed.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adopt *Ordinance # 16-14*. So moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio, Ordinance No. 16-14 approved on second and final reading and referred to the Mayor for his action and then published in the August 4, 2016 issue of the Home News and Tribune.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Nays: none
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO:

Mr. Socio – August 4,5,& 6 – “Urinetown” – Young Adult drama – 8:00 pm - \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 kids / seniors.
Blood Drive – August 29, 2016 – 1:30 – 7:30 pm
September 7, 2016 – Dedication / Ribbon Cutting – 7:30 pm – Veteran’s Park
September 11th Ceremony – 8:30 am
September 24th – 34th Annual Heritage Day Festival – performances all day – 7:00 pm – Heritage Day Award – Band/Fireworks
October 26th – Trip to NYC – “Kinky Boots” show at 2:00 PM - \$115.00 – tickets / bus.
Mr. Corbin – “National Night Out”–August 2nd at 5:00 pm.

Report of the Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan of the Township as to Award of Notes (attached to minutes).

Mayor Womack opened the **Public Hearing** at 7:37 pm.

Mr. Salava trees that borer Kearney Drive – spoke to Lou Ann Benson and Brad Pastrick – trees tagged and pruned - work done within 48 hours and he is all in favor of a pay raise for Lou Ann and Brad.

Mr. Nastus – list of issues on Livingston Avenue – gave list of code violations to Mayor Womack and a copy to the Municipal Clerk to file with the minutes (see attachment). Bridge – bad impression to people riding through town. Signs, banner & flags – is someone assigned to take signs down from telephone poles? Jack’s Furniture p school bus storage. Why aren’t buses kept at bus depot? Why in North Brunswick?

Mr. Polanco – has been living in the township for 30 years. He has a house behind Jack’s Furniture – buses do not bother him – township is doing their job. Jack’s Furniture pays \$80,000 a year in taxes. Mr. Polanco said he is here to serve our community and was the first Latino in town 30 years ago. He asked if police reports could be neater. He was renting 5,000 ft. of space at the rear of Jack’s Furniture as a meeting place for the Dominican Republic population.

Mr. Hritz – Mr. Mamroud altered the space with no permits – eliminated an “exit”. Mr. Polanco received a denial to occupy the space. If Mr. Mamroud wants to sub-divide he needs to go before the Planning Board. Mr. Polanco moved in – neighbor complaining – police came and reports were made.

Mr. Nastus – asked if the township had a liaison between the Township and the Board of Education? Sign ordinance – best in the state. Snow removal ordinance – go over it with the Director of Public Works, Eric Chaszar to reduce the cost.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:29 pm; so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Mayor Womack called for a motion to go into Executive session at 8:31 pm to discuss the Latinos’s Taxi Licensing Hearing, so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Mayor Womack called for a motion to go out of closed session at 8:48 pm to discuss the Latinos’s Taxi Licensing Hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

Mr. Fleming – attorney for Latino’s Taxi – owner pleaded guilty with no contest. He received a letter from Prosecutor David Lonski on May 25, 2016 with all the charges. His license will be suspended for 60 days; but would be reduced to 30 days if the owner pays \$5,000 to the Township.

Council President Corbin addressed the owner of Latino Taxi and stated that was now the second time that he has been brought before the Mayor and Council. He needs to conform to the taxi ordinance and he is more concerned for the safety of people in his taxis and the people hired to drive the taxis.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to accept the 60 day suspension of Latino Taxi and the reduction to 30 days if the penalty of \$5,000.00 is paid to the Municipal Clerk’s Office, so moved by Mr. Socio, second by Ms. Narra.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Latino’s Taxi suspension of 60 days starts in 24 hours – reduced to 30days with the receipt of \$5,000.00 which would Make the start of the suspension on August 3, 2016.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Present: Ms. Narra, Messrs., Andrews, Socio and Corbin
Absent: Ms. Nicola and Mr. Davis

Adjourn: 9:30 pm

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo

